

**Diagnostics and Therapeutics for Diseases
Associated with an IL-1 Inflammatory Haplotype**

Cross-reference to the related application

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/345,217, filed June 30, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 6,268,142, which claims the benefit of PCT/GB98/01481, filed May 21, 1998, which further claims the benefit of GB Application No. 9711040.7, filed May 29, 1997. The contents of each of these priority applications are specifically incorporated herein.

1. Background of the Invention

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment has been made in order to claim the benefit of the earlier filing date of priority applications U.S. Application No. 09/345,217, filed June 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,268,142, PCT/GB98/01481, filed May 21, 1998 and GB Application No. 9711040.7, filed May 29, 1997, and, accordingly, no new matter has been added with this amendment. A marked up copy of the amended header, showing the changes made using underlining and bracketing, is attached to this response.